

Interpretive

Pokagon State Park

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Programs:

And Other Park Events!

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Potawatomi Inn Activities!

There are numerous activities that take place at the Potawatomi Inn.

Come take a ride on "The Lonidaw," a replica of a 1902 model electric boat built by Elco. Take a 45-minute leisurely tour of the first basin of Lake James and hear the history of the lake and Pokagon State Park. The boat launches several times daily (during the morning hours and late afternoons). Prices are \$9 for adults, \$7 for seniors, and \$5 for children under 12. See Inn for details.



Whether it's business or pleasure, the Potawatomi Inn has what you need...



Firewood Alert!

Help protect us from Emerald Ash Borers by not moving firewood!

See www.emeraldashborer.info for more information.



Monday July 24

- 9:00am **Pokagon's Trail 8... A Preview!** Put on your walking shoes for this one! We'll meet at the Spring Shelter, and hike towards Hell's Point, then branch off onto our new trail 8, under construction! We'll pass old pine plantations and tall grass prairies in this sneak peak hike. Join us! Parking available at the shelter for those driving from the Inn. HP-HP* BB
- 1:30pm **Park Patch Program Hour.** Come to the Nature Center to find out the requirements for becoming a Smokey's Friend (5 to 7 years old), Jr. Naturalist (8 years old and up), and Hoosier Ecologist (Jr. Naturalist Graduates). Or continue working on your special projects or identification quizzes. We meet one hour everyday to get you started or help you as you are working along. No groups please. FW
- 3:00pm **Naturalist on the Run!** This afternoon the Interpreter will be roving the campgrounds with hidden surprises you may want to see! Watch for him as he makes his way through the campgrounds! BB

Tuesday July 25

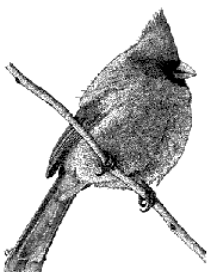
- 10:00am **Hell's Point Bound!** It's the highest point in the park and we'll visit it and other natural features along the way on this 1 ½ hour hike. Meet the Interpreter at the historic Spring Shelter. (Parking is available above the shelter if you're driving from the Inn) DH
- 1:30pm **Park Patch Program Hour.** See Monday, July 24, for details. DH
- 3:00pm **Save Your Ash!** Come by the Nature Center Auditorium for a short discussion on what we are doing to prevent the Emerald Ash Borer from attacking our ash trees. Learn how to identify them, and how to protect your trees too! Afterward, we'll have some games for the kids, and maybe some water balloons!

Wednesday July 26

- 10:30am **To The Inn and Back.** Gather at the Nature Center for a 1-½ hour general discovery hike. We'll do Trail 1, to the Inn, by the lake, and back along the toboggan track. DH
- 1:30pm **Park Patch Program Hour.** See Monday, July 24, for details. DH

Thursday July 27

Park Interpreters gone looking for potatoes in the creek. Sorry no programs today.



More Programs on the Back!

Nature Center Summer Season Hours:

10:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. Daily

***Healthy Parks-Healthy People:** Get "INShape" with us, and discover what it takes to keep a state park or reservoir healthy!

Interpretive Programs and other park events... cont'd

Friday July 28

- 10:00am **Plants of the Potawatomi.** Gather at the Inn Main Entrance for a nice 1-hour hike down into the Potawatomi Nature Preserve. We will look at some of the plants used by the Potawatomi Indians in this area and discuss how they were used. DH
- 1:30pm **Park Patch Program Hour.** See Monday, July 24, for details. DH
- 3:00pm **Compass Play!** Point your internal compass towards the Nature Center and join the interpreter in the Program Area for a quick look at compass work and orienteering. Afterwards try your hand on the naturalist's compass game course for prizes! Great family fun! BB

Saturday July 29

- 10:30am **Thistle Stop!** All aboard the Naturalist Express! Meet the naturalist on the Nature Center Front Deck, from where we'll head on a 45-minute hike. We'll take several thistle stops along the way to see what critters might be doing the same. FW
- 1:30pm **Park Patch Program Hour.** See Monday, July 24, for details. FW
- 3:00pm **Insect Safari!** Fly, swoop, or crawl over to the Nature Center Program Area for a special safari into our fields and forests. We'll be investigating the life of grasshoppers, crickets, butterflies, and beetles with the help of some magnifying glasses and nets. Join us! DH

Sunday July 30

CCC Co. 556 Annual Reunion Today!

Join us all day as we welcome back the “boys that built Pokagon!” Informal album/artifact viewing and special morning program takes place in the Nature Center Auditorium.

- 7:30am **Early Morning Meander.** Get up and get some fresh air in this short jaunt up the road and back as we watch for deer and other critters moving about in the new day. Bring binoculars if you have some or borrow a pair of ours. Meet at the Potawatomi Inn Sun
- 9:45am **Informal Church Service at the Campground Amphitheater.**
- 11:00am **Images From the CCC Days.** Step back in time and visit Pokagon of the 1930s as we look at the CCC boys that built Pokagon. Afterwards we'll walk into the old camp site. Meet in the Nature Center
- 1:30pm **Park Patch Program Hour.** See Monday, July 24, for details. BB



Monday July 31

- 9:00am **Bluebird Hills Hiking!** Put on your walking shoes for this one! We'll meet at the Spring Shelter, and hike towards Hell's Point, then branch off on to Trail 7 and circle around in our Bluebird Hills area. It's a good walk, so a water bottle or canteen may come in handy. Total distance is about 3 miles. Parking available above the shelter if you are driving from the Inn. HP-HP* DH
- 1:30pm **Park Patch Program Hour.** See Monday, July 24, for details. DH
- 3:00pm **Cattail Twining!** It's a short, crafty program meeting out on the Nature Center Back Deck. Join us for a different look at one of our important wetland plants and take home some cattail twine or a bracelet that you make yourself! FW



Tuesday August 1

- 10:00am **Lake Looking.** Swim suits or shorts are the dress of the day as we meet at the Potawatomi Inn Beach for an aquatic investigation of Lake James. We'll be searching for the variety of life occurring along the shore and beneath the water's surface. DH
- 1:30pm **Park Patch Program Hour.** See Monday, July 24, for details. DH
- 3:00pm **Tracking up a Tee Shirt.** Bring a clean tee shirt to the Nature Center Program Area and track it up with some footprints of some common Pokagon critters. A nice memory from your Pokagon visit! Great family

Wednesday August 2

- 10:00am **A Pine Forest Pathway.** Take a refreshing break by hiking up into one of our dark green pine groves and searching for the life that occurs there. Join us at the Inn Main Entrance. We'll be out for a little over an
- 1:30pm **Park Patch Program Hour.** See Monday, July 24, for details. BB
- 3:00pm **Turtle Time!** Join us for a close up look of our common and not so common Pokagon turtles. We'll have a chance to handle some and watch 'em crawl. Meet on the Nature Center Front Lawn! DH

Thursday August 3

- 10:30am **Tree ID Spree.** Come to the Nature Center Program Area for a short program on how to identify some common northeast Indiana trees. It's a great program for anyone doing leaf collections this fall. DH
- 1:30pm **Park Patch Program Hour.** See Monday, July 24, for details. DH
- 3:00pm **Behind the Scenes of the Pokagon Nature Center-** There is lots to see and do here at the Nature Center. But, many of our critters stay behind the scenes because of various reasons. This afternoon, the interpreter will be exhibiting some of the hidden animals that most people don't see. Come on over and take a once in a lifetime glimpse at these “jewels” of Pokagon! BB

Friday August 4

- 10:30am **Geocaching Jaunt.** Learn how to use a GPS receiver, how to geocache, and even find your own geocache in this one hour techno scavenger hunt hike. Meet at the Nature Center Front Deck. Good
- 1:30pm **Park Patch Program Hour.** See Monday, July 24, for details. BB